



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG**



WEEKLY UPDATE NOVEMBER 1, 2005

My thanks and congratulations go out to Derrick White of my staff, the 4th District Youth Advisory Board and the Malcolm X Library for hosting a successful series of SAT workshops for youth grades 9-12. Over 100 youth participated in these SAT workshops that offered the Princeton Review SAT Practice Test, Verbal and Math Reasoning I and II, and Financial Aid workshops. The next series of SAT workshops will be conducted in Spring 2006. Contact Derrick for additional information and how you can get early enrollment for youth you may want to take advantage of this opportunity in the spring.

On Tuesday November 1, 2005 the Council will be receiving a report from Kroll Associates regarding the status of the Audit Committee's investigation. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the Audit Committee completing its work and issuing a report on the City's finances. Unfortunately, Kroll's report indicates that there will be further delays to their completing the report including reviewing additional e-mails and documents, expanding the scope of their investigation, and contracting with Novell to assist in accessing the city's e-mail system. I am very concerned about these delays and the costs associated with them.

However, Kroll cannot issue an opinion until an appropriate investigation is done. I am informed that no reputable auditing firm will sign off on an audit if allegations of illegal activities by top management are made (such as in the case of San Diego). I am informed that the SEC could do this investigation at no immediate costs to the City. However their investigation could take two years or more. Which would mean the City could not enter into the bond market until their investigations were concluded and this would have a serious impact on our ability to fund such projects as libraries, parks, fire stations, etc. Kroll was hired by the City to fast track this investigation and it is my understanding that the SEC will accept the findings of Kroll.

I will be watching closely the actions and invoices of Kroll and continue to express to them that they need to find the most cost effective and timely solutions to concluding

their investigation and presenting their final report so that we can go about the business of providing policy decisions that will get this City out of the financial mess we are in.

Under the auspices of the 21st Century Community Initiative, I will be hosting community **clean-ups in the 4th District communities of Encanto and Paradise Hills on Saturday November 5th 2005.** These are ongoing efforts in various communities that are designed to assist residents in keeping their neighborhoods and communities clean. If you need additional information please contact my office at (619) 236-6644.

Congratulations to Jesse Gonzalez and Cloteal Horne. These are two talented young actors from the 4th District who have been cast in the San Diego Junior Theatres production of Zombie Prom. If you get an opportunity, please go and see them on Friday November 4th at 7:00 pm and Saturday/Sunday at 2:00 pm in Balboa Park's Casa Del Prado.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act was passed on December 8, 2003. It established a voluntary drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries and created a new Medicare Part D. Simply put the Medicare Modernization Act and the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement feature gives elderly and disabled people already on Medicare, access to drug coverage beginning in January of 2006. **On November 15th 2005, the enrollment process into this new Medicare program will begin. Over 360,000 county residents will have a choice of enrolling.** Please contact Donna Cleary at (858) 459-3900 for additional information or visit the Social Security website at [www. SSA.Gov](http://www.SSA.Gov)

As you know Tuesday, November 8th is Election Day! I encourage you all to go vote.

Thanks for reading my E-mail Message for The Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.